

Reverend Richard Gerard Terdine

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1938
YEAR OF DEATH:	Unknown
ORDINATION:	May 1, 1965

Employment/Assignment History

5/13/1965 – 12/05/1965	St. Vitus, New Castle, PA
12/06/1965 – 9/21/1967	St. Scholastica, Aspinwall, PA
9/22/1967 – 6/09/1968	Our Lady of Grace, Scott Township, PA
6/10/1968 – 4/13/1970	St. Lawrence O'Toole, Garfield, PA
6/15/1970 – 8/31/1971	Epiphany, Uptown, Pittsburgh, PA
9/01/1971 – 5/30/1972	Duquesne University, Graduate Assistant, Pittsburgh, PA
5/31/1972 – 8/08/1973	St. Basil, Carrick, PA
8/09/1973 – 5/30/1974	Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5/31/1974 – 11/21/1986	Intermediate Schools Unit, Psychologist
11/22/1986 – 1/16/1989	St. Peter, McKeesport, PA
1/16/1989 – 11/05/1989	Cardinal Wright Center/ Without Assignment
11/06/1989 - 7/02/1990	Leave of Absence
7/02/1990 - 6/17/1991	UPMC Shadyside Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA
6/17/1996 – 7/01/2009	UPMC Presbyterian Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA
7/01/2009 – 11/01/2009	UPMC Shadyside Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA
6/25/2012 - Present	St John Vianney Manor, Pittsburgh, PA

Summary

A Ministerial Assessment Board Report dated April 9, 2003 detailed an allegation that Father Richard Gerard Terdine abused a 16-year-old boy who worked part-time at the rectory of St. Peter's church. The report revealed that in December, 1988, Terdine touched or patted the genital area of the boy on two-to-three occasions, gave the boy an x-rated videotape to watch, provided him with condoms, and massaged his back.

Shortly afterwards, Diocesan officials met with Terdine to discuss the allegations. Terdine denied any sexual touching of the boy. However, he did admit that he gave the boy an x-rated video as well as condoms. He stated that he wanted to educate the boy because he seemed naïve about human sexuality. Terdine subsequently resigned from his assignment at St. Peter. The Diocese sent him to St. Luke Institute for a psychological evaluation.

On May 11, 1990, St. Luke's provided the Diocese with the following assessment of Terdine that stated:

Summary

Father Terdine does not have a sexual behavior disorder. We see him as at very little risk of acting out sexually, either with youth or others, and this good prognosis is supported by the formal psychological testing which indicates good impulse control and a very high need to comply and obey. One downside element is noted in that there does appear to be little growth in his sexual awareness and understanding.

The Ministerial Assessment Board subsequently made the following finding about the allegation:

- *The purchase of condoms and x-rated video was wrong to the point of immoral;*
- *While not illegal or immoral, it was poor judgement for Father Terdine to massage the young boy's neck;*
- *Given the totality of the circumstances acknowledged by Father Terdine, it was extremely poor judgement for him not to inform the victim's parents or at least his school guidance counselor of the social or sexual concerns expressed by the victim leading to the purchase of the condoms and the X-rated video tape.*

As a result, the Board recommended that Terdine not be assigned to any parish. The Board stated:

It is the opinion of this Board that Father Terdine's admitted conduct is sufficient to warrant this recommendation. Moreover, given the possibility of the truth of averments made by the (victim), the moral integrity of the Diocese cannot be jeopardized by any assignment of Father Terdine.

Terdine was thereafter placed in restricted ministry and assigned as the chaplain at UPMC Hospitals throughout Pittsburgh.